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Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
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Commissioner Nanci Langley
Commissioner Mark Acton
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners,

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is to bring Christian education to youth, especially those most neglected. We also operate numerous programs aimed at keeping young people off the street.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will impact our mission and the young people we serve. We would be forced to limit our mailings and therefore would not be able to raise the needed funds to operate our programs that benefit so very many.

Stop and please consider the negative impact this proposal would have on the nonprofit community and do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Paulette M. Karas, CFRE
Co-Director of Development

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